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## High School Coach Sentenced to Prison for Sexually Abusing Three Teens

A former assistant track coach was sentenced today to three years in state prison for having sexual relations with three teenage girls over a four-month period, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Jan. 22, Johnny Arellano pleaded no contest to three felony counts in case VA146017: one count of oral copulation of a person under 16 and two counts of oral copulation of a person under 18.

At today's court appearance, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Joseph R. Porras also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Michael DeRose of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Arellano was the former assistant track coach at Norwalk High School.

Between June and October 2017, the defendant engaged in sexual acts with two female students, the prosecutor said. A concerned adult alerted authorities and the defendant was taken into custody on Oct. 5, 2017, the prosecutor added.

After further investigation, law enforcement learned of a third teenage girl who was involved in a sexual relationship with Arellano between August and September 2017, according to the prosecutor.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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